



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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2011 SENATE BILL 53

April 1, 2011 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, HANSEN, HOLPERIN, VINEHOUT, T. CULLEN, JAUCH, S. CONGS and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives BARCA, GRISBY, BERCEAU, FIELDS, VUWINK, CLARK, MASON, SINICKI, TURNER and BERNARD SCHAEFER. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to repeal* 36.27 (3n) (bm) 2., 36.27 (3p) (bm) 2., 38.24 (7) (bm) 2., 38.24
2 (8) (bm) 2. and 39.50 (3m); *to renumber* 36.27 (3n) (bm) 1., 36.27 (3p) (bm) 1.,
3 38.24 (7) (bm) 1. and 38.24 (8) (bm) 1.; and *to amend* 20.235 (1) (fz), 36.27 (3n)
4 (b) (intro.), 36.27 (3n) (bg), 36.27 (3n) (c), 36.27 (3p) (b), 36.27 (3p) (c), 38.24 (7)
5 (b) (intro.), 38.24 (7) (bg), 38.24 (7) (c), 38.24 (8) (b), 38.24 (8) (c), 39.50 (1), 39.50
6 (2) and 39.50 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** remission of fees for veterans and
7 their dependents enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or in a
8 technical college and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Board of Regents of the UW System (Board of Regents) and each technical college district board (district board) to grant remission of academic fees to certain veterans who are residents of this state for veterans benefits purposes and to the spouse, unmarried surviving spouse, and children (dependents) of a veteran who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into service and who either: 1) while a resident of this state, died on active duty, died as the result of a service-connected disability, or died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty for training purposes; or 2) incurred at least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating. In the case of a veteran enrolled in the UW System, "academic fees" includes nonresident tuition.

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Current law requires the Board of Regents and a district board to grant full remission of academic fees charged for up to 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, less the amount of any academic fees paid under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, commonly referred to as the "New GI Bill."

This bill eliminates the deduction of academic fees paid under the New GI Bill from the number of credits or semesters for which the Board of Regents or a district board remits academic fees for veterans and their dependents.

Under current law, a sum certain is appropriated to the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) to reimburse the Board of Regents and each district board for the amount of fees remitted for veterans and their dependents, and HEAB is required to prorate that reimbursement if the moneys appropriated are not sufficient to reimburse the Board of Regents and each district board for the full amount of fees remitted. This bill converts that sum certain appropriation into a sum sufficient appropriation and requires HEAB to reimburse the Board of Regents and each district board for the full amount of fees remitted for veterans and their dependents.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. 20.235 (1) (fz) of the statutes is amended to read:
2 20.235 (1) (fz) Remission of fees and reimbursement for veterans and
3 dependents. Biennially, the amount in the schedule A sum sufficient to reimburse
4 the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and technical college
5 district boards under s. 39.50 for fee remissions made under ss. 36.27 (3n) (b) or (3p)
6 (b) and 38.24 (7) (b) or (8) (b) and to reimburse veterans and dependents as provided
7 in ss. 36.27 (3n) (bm) or (3p) (bm) and 38.24 (7) (bm) or (8) (bm).
8 SECTION 2. 36.27 (3n) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
9 36.27 (3n) (b) (intro.) Except as provided in subds. 1. to 3. and par. (bg), the
10 board shall grant full remission of academic fees and segregated fees for 128 credits
11 or semesters, whichever is longer, less the number of credits or semesters for which
12 the person received remission of fees under s. 38.24 (7) and less the amount of any

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It was decided that
the bill's fiscal impact
should also include "Local".

GMB

Per GMM
&
Sponsor's office
(see attached)

Barman, Mike

From: Barman, Mike
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 9:32 AM
To: Lynch, Carol K - DOA; Nelson, Linda S - DOA
Subject: FW: "LOCAL" impact - FISCAL ESTIMATE - LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Go ahead and make the change ... OK by the LRB drafter and the bill's primary sponsor's office.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barman, Mike
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Knickelbine, Mark
Cc: Malaise, Gordon
Subject: RE: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Thanks ... I'll give the go-head to DOA to have assigned agencies to this bill also include any local impact.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Knickelbine, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2011 8:57 AM
To: Barman, Mike
Subject: FW: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Mike --

Based on the explanation we got from Morna, we agree that WTCS should prepare a local fiscal estimate for SB 53. Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Mark Knickelbine
Office of State Senator Julie Lassa
608 266 3123

-----Original Message-----

From: Foy, Morna [mailto:foym@wtcsystem.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 5:54 PM
To: Knickelbine, Mark
Cc: Merrill, Nancy A
Subject: RE: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Hi Mark - we are working on the dollar amount of the reimbursements now. The fiscal effects will all be local because local technical colleges collect and retain tuition revenues so any tuition remissions are local revenue reductions. Any reimbursements for tuition remissions paid to the WTCS would be distributed to the local technical college districts based on the number of tuition remissions provided by each college.

Let me know if that clarifies the issue (or just added to the confusion!) I'm out tomorrow but back in the office on Friday.

Morna

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-----Original Message-----

From: Knickelbine, Mark [mailto:Mark.Knickelbine@legis.wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:26 AM

To: Foy, Morna

Subject: FW: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Hi, Morna --

I've been copied on this email exchange. Given that the bill contains a sum-sufficient appropriation to reimburse WTCS for the cost of remission, I would be interested to know what kind of local fiscal impacts you think you might include in your estimate. Thanks!

Mark Knickelbine

Office of State Senator Julie Lassa

608 266 3123

-----Original Message-----

From: Barman, Mike

Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:13 AM

To: Knickelbine, Mark

Subject: FW: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Good morning Mark,

Thought you might like to see Morna's email. Let me know when you make your decision or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lynch, Carol K - DOA [mailto:Carol.Lynch@wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 1:22 PM

To: Barman, Mike

*Cc: Nelson, Linda S - DOA

Subject: FW: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

.Mike,

Please see request from WTCS below.

Carol Lynch

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-----Original Message-----

From: Foy, Morna [mailto:foym@wtcsystem.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 11:46 AM

To: Lynch, Carol K - DOA

Subject: RE: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Hi Carol - I got in to the system, but now I have a different problem.

The fiscal note is only requesting a state impact, when, like most legislation affecting WTCS, the most significant fiscal impact will be on local technical college districts. I know DOA uses language in the reference bureau summaries to determine whether a state or local fiscal impact is requested, but that system does not make sense for the WTCS. Can you revise this assignment to allow local impacts?

Also, I would like to formally request that all fiscal estimate requests to the WTCS allow submission of state and local impacts.

Thank you for your assistance.

Morna

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-----Original Message-----

From: FES User Carol Lynch [mailto:DOAFiscalEstimates@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 1:09 PM
To: Foy, Morna
Cc: Lynch, Carol K - DOA
Subject: FISCAL ESTIMATE - NEW 'WTCS' ASSIGNMENT LRB # 11-0915/1, INTRO # SB-053

Please prepare a fiscal estimate for LRB # 11-0915/1 by 4/8/2011. You can view the draft and details of the assignment by selecting 'Agency Assignments' from the 'Fiscal Estimates' menu. On the 'Agency Assignment List Options' screen choose 'Entire Agency' and 'Unassigned'. Please assign a preparer and an approver to complete the estimate. If there is a fiscal effect to the bill, a fiscal estimate worksheet should also be completed.

If you feel you have been assigned a fiscal estimate request in error, please notify <mailto:DOAFiscalEstimates@wisconsin.gov> to inactivate the request.

Submitted from the web 4/1/2011 1:09:08 PM

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